

BEFORE THE DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE OF UTAH

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IN THE MATTER OF TENTATIVE	:	
DECISION TO APPROVE	:	NOTICE OF TENTATIVE
THE MINING AND RECLAMATION	:	DECISION TO APPROVE
PLAN FOR KENNECOTT UTAH COPPER'S	:	
TAILINGS MODERNIZATION PROJECT	:	NO. M/035/015
NORTH PERIMETER EXPANSION	:	
SALT LAKE COUNTY, UTAH	:	

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THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL OPERATORS, TAKERS OF PRODUCTION, MINERAL AND ROYALTY OWNERS, AND PARTICULARLY ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, S1/2 S1/2 SECTION 31 AND S1/2 SW1/4 SECTION 32; TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, S1/2 S1/2 SECTION 35 AND S1/2 S1/2 SECTION 36; TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, SW1/4 SW1/4 SW1/4 SECTION 4, SECTION 5, SECTION 6, N1/2 N1/2 SECTION 7, N1/2 N1/2 SECTION 8; EASTERN BORDER OF SECTION 8, W1/2 W1/2 SECTION 9, AND E1/2 SECTION 17; TOWNSHIP 1 S, RANGE 3 WEST, SECTION 1, SECTION 2, E1/2 SECTION 3, SECTION 10, N1/2 AND SW1/4 SECTION 11, N1/2 NE1/4 SECTION 12 AND N1/2 SECTION 15, SLBM, SALT LAKE COUNTY, UTAH.

Notice is hereby given by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining of its tentative decision to approve Kennecott Utah Copper's Mining and Reclamation Plan for their proposed Tailings Modernization Project - North Perimeter Expansion. Kennecott Utah Copper has submitted a permit application to expand their existing tailings impoundment by constructing a new embankment which will tie into the north end of the existing impoundment. The new embankment will have a toe length of 35,500 feet and enclose @ 3,500 acres of storage area. A transition of current tailings storage operations from the existing impoundment to the new North Impoundment is anticipated to begin in late 1998. The new impoundment expansion will accommodate tailings generated over the next 25-30 years of copper production. The project will provide an additional tailings storage capacity of approximately 1.9 billion tons. A final overall impoundment height of approximately 250 feet is anticipated.

A series of corridors along the footprint of the new impoundment will contain Kennecott utilities, the relocated C-7 Ditch, the new Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way and communications lines, and the relocated Utah Power & Light power lines. A strip of land along the Interstate 80 corridor will be enhanced and vegetated to improve aesthetics. Trees, shrubs, forbs and grasses will be planted in this visual buffer, which will extend from the Interstate 80 exchange with Highway 202 westward along the interstate until the North Impoundment embankment turns south, away from the interstate. Some jurisdictional wetlands will be displaced as a result of the project expansion. Wetlands mitigation will be performed by Kennecott under the permitting requirements and direction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

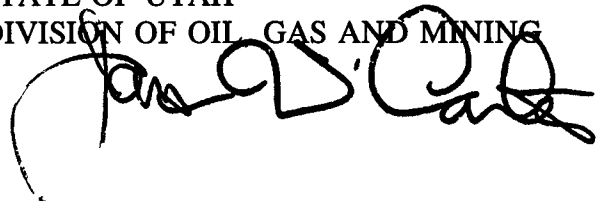
Transition from the existing impoundment is scheduled to extend from 1998 through 2004. Existing impoundment areas will be taken out of service sequentially and the areas revegetated. Long-term dust control and overall surface stability will be achieved by establishment of a self-sustaining vegetative cover. Reclamation and revegetation of the North Impoundment will involve activities similar to those used for the existing impoundment.

The person representing the company is Mr. Robert E. Dunne, Project Manager, Phone: 252-2801. Kennecott Utah Copper is fulfilling obligations under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Utah Code Ann. §40-8-18.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision to issue approval is hereby requested to submit written protest within thirty (30) days of the date of publication to Lowell P. Braxton, Associate Director of Mining, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 355 West North Temple, 3 Triad Center, Suite 350, Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203, setting forth factual reasons for the complaint. If no responsive written protests are received by the Division within 30 days after the last date of publication, the tentative decision of the Division will be final.

DATED THIS 22nd day of December, 1995.

STATE OF UTAH
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James W. Carter', is written over the printed name and title.

James W. Carter
Director

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Tentative Approval for Kennecott Utah Copper's Tailings Modernization Project - North Perimeter Expansion to be mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, the **22nd day of December, 1995** to:

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